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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, March 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	April 19, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Philip Thompson, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Diane Postell, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Ralph Robinson, Professional Member
Joseph McDonough, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II
Kay Warren, Deputy Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Fran Franklin, Professional Member, **Secretary**
Louise Allen Frazier, Public Member
Lisa Gillespie, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the February 1, 2010 minutes for approval. Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Revisions to the Statute and Rules & Regulations

The Board continued discussing the revised draft of statute revisions that was prepared by Ms. Heeney in February. The Board provided Ms. Levinson a copy of the draft and asked her to review it at her leisure and provide feedback. Ms. Heeney will email the draft to the board members so they can solicit input from other interested parties such as the local chapter of the

NASW. The Board will continue this discussion once they have received input from Ms. Levinson, the NASW and any other interested parties.

Discussion Regarding HB 184 – Grandfathering Provision

Ms. Slaughter asked the Board to review the language in the new section 3903 of the Statute that was implemented as a result of HB 184. Ms. Slaughter interpreted the language in the last sentence as an exemption to the licensure requirement for someone who has practiced for over 20 years, is currently still practicing, and can show proof that they have passed the national clinical exam administered by the ASWB. The Board did not believe that the language would exempt someone from needing a license, but only from having to provide proof of supervision. The Board does not believe that the language is problematic. Ms. Levinson and Ms. Warren agreed.

The Board discussed methods that could be used to get information to the public making them aware of the changes set forth in HB 184. The Board thought that a letter should be sent to NASW, a message should be placed on the website, and a press release should be issued. Ms. Levinson advised that she would work on a communication to the NASW and she would forward it to the Board for review.

Review Additional Documentation Submitted for the Previously Tabled Application for Monica Moore

The Board reviewed additional documentation submitted by Ms. Moore for her application to sit for the ASWB exam. Ms. Postell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve her application. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Juli Morton-Certain

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Juli Morton-Certain. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Laura Pfister

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Laura Pfister. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Elizabeth Raskauskas

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Elizabeth Raskauskas. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Kristen Fowles

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Kristen Fowles. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests to Extend Inactive Status

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the request to extend the inactive status of Linda Oster's license. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Question from Melvin Slawik Regarding Supervision

Mr. Slawik had asked if he would be exempt from providing proof of supervision since he is over 65 years old. He states that his supervisor's passed away many years ago, so he wouldn't be able to provide proof of supervision. The Board advised that Mr. Slawik would be exempt from providing proof of supervision if he has been practicing for at least 20 years and is currently still practicing. He will be required to pass the ASWB clinical exam. The provision is only valid until February 1, 2011.

Memorandum from ASWB Regarding the Spring Education Meeting

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she has received a memorandum from ASWB regarding the Spring Education Meeting for 2010. Ms. Slaughter advised that the ASWB does not cover the expenses for this meeting and the Division still has a restriction on travel. So if anyone was interested in attending, they would have to cover all expenses on their own.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Levinson spoke to the Board regarding the legislative process that Julie Zorach was involved in to get HB 184 passed. Ms. Levinson advised that Ms. Zorach was put on the spot to answer some very tough questions and to help the legislatures to understand the reason that the Bill was being put forth. Ms. Levinson believes that Ms. Zorach did a great job handling the questions and concerns that were addressed with her.

Ms. Levinson advised the Board that the next initiative she will be taking on is with the Freedom of Information Act. She feels that there should be more transparency and that licensee's addresses should be openly available to other organizations and the public.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners